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I invented the subject matter of the rejected Claims 1-15 in the above-identified patent application prior to the effective date of June 13, 2001 (international filing date) of the Harrison reference (US 2003/0176200 A1) cited by the Examiner in the first Office Action, dated April 26, 2004.

As evidence of my invention of the subject matter of rejected Claims 1-15, there are submitted herewith a certified copy and verified English translation of my corresponding Italian patent application No. MI2000A000322, filed on February 22, 2000.

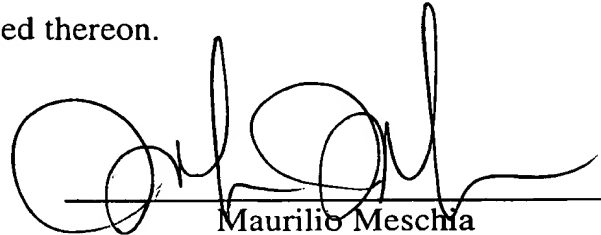
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